



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2020

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12:00 p.m.

Mission: The CAC exists to provide citizen input into the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of defendants and offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Tom Cordingley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and Dennis Taylor read the mission statement.

Members present: Tom Cordingley (Chair), Carolyn Belling (Vice Chair), Marshall Gingery, Moffie Funk, Dennis Taylor, Teresa Charlton, John Lytle, Tina Eblin, Karen English, Jenifer Gursky, Stephanie Ballenger-Brooks, and James Reavis.

Members excused: and Abigail J. St. Lawrence.

Members absent: John Wilkinson, Mike Mahoney, Theresa Ortega, and Michael Kalous.

Others in attendance: Amanda Opitz, Judge Michael Menahan, Captain Kevin Wright, and Kellie McBride.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the October 9, 2020 meeting were approved.

3. CJS Department and Behavioral Health Update – Kellie McBride

Kellie McBride stated that CJS had received a \$600,000 COSSAP grant for medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorders. The County is currently reviewing the staff portion of this grant to ensure that it complies with federal standards.

CJIS data initiative has received five letters of intent in response to the RFP; responses are due December 3, 2020. The County approved \$250,000 for this RFP. The selected vendor will design the public facing criminal justice dashboard.

The CJS Strategic Plan has been drafted and will be reviewed by staff prior to being presented to the CAC.

4. Illegal Substances, A Changing Landscape – James Reavis

Chair Cordingley stated that Oregon had passed a law legalizing personal possession amounts of all drugs and that he requested James Reavis put together a presentation on this topic.

James Reavis presented an overview of why behaviors are criminalized, the social and economic consequences of criminalizing behavior, and why some criminalized behaviors are decriminalized. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of decriminalizing possession and the systemic resource limitations.

5. Review of Action Items for CJCC Meeting Agenda

None

6. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

7. Next Meeting: December 11, 2020

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Minutes approved January 8, 2021.